MFIs. It says that MFIs will not take land titles, house pattas, ration cards, etc. as collateral security for loans, charge reasonable rate of interest and not use intimidation tactics while collecting repayment, etc.

Director General of ASI

94. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) since how long the post of the Director General of the Archaeological Survey of India has been held by Indian Administrative Service officers;

(b) whether the ASI has been declared by Government as a scientific and technical organization;

(c) whether at one time or another important culture institutions like the National Museum and the National Gallery of Modern Art have been headed by I.A.S. officers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government propose to consider all options including amending of the recruitment rules, so that the practice of having I.A.S. officer on scientific, technical and cultural institution is stopped?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Consequent upon the retirement of Shri M.C. Joshi, Director General, ASI, Smt. Achala Moulik, Additional Director General was permitted to hold the current charge of the post of DG, ASI with effect from 20.4.1993. Thereafter, the post of Director General, ASI has been held by an IAS officer.

(b) Archaeological Survey of India has been approved as Science & Technology Institution by the Department of Science & Technology with effect from 1.5.1989.

(c) and (d) Due to non-availability of suitable candidates by the Selection Committee of UPSC it becomes necessary to give charge to officers of the Ministry/officers in the feeder grade to carry out day-to-day activities of these institutions as a stop gap arrangement because the posts of Heads of these institutions of National importance cannot be kept vacant. The details thereof is given in Statement attached (*See* below)

(e) No proposal is under consideration of Ministry of Culture to change the Recruitment Rules of these posts.

Statement

The officers holding additional charge of National Museum and National Gallery of Modern Art

NATIONAL MUSEUM

1. Shri S.K. Mahapatra, Secretary (Culture) hold additional charge DG, National Museum from 22.8.90 to 8.1.91
2. Shri Ashok Vajpeyi, Joint Secretary (Culture) hold additional charge of DG, National Museum from 1.8.94 to 15.4.96
3. Dr. Kasturi Gupta Menon, Joint Secretary (Culture) hold additional charge of DG, National Museum from 1.12.1997 to 21.12.98
4. Dr. K.K. Chakravarty, Member Secretary, IGNCA hold additional charge of DG, National Museum from 30.4.2004 to 15.1.2006

NATIONAL GALLERY OF MODERN ART

1. Smt. Anjali Sen, Director (Culture) holds the additional charge of Director, NGMA from 1994—2000
2. Smt. Mukta Nidhi Samnotra, Under Secretary (Culture) hold the temporary charge of Director, NGMA from April to December, 2000
3. Shri K.N. Srivastava, Joint Secretary (Culture) hold the additional charge of Director, NGMA from January to March, 2001

Declaration of ASI as Scientific and Technical Department

95. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY. J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) when was the notification declaring the Archaeological Survey of India a Scientific and Technical Department issued by Government;

(b) what are the financial and administrative implications of declaring a Department as Scientific and Technical;